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STATEMENT BY FCC COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN ON BUREAU ORDER AND DECLARATORY RULING THAT APPROVES THE APPLICATIONS OF T-MOBILE AND METROPCS

“Based on the record before the Bureau, I generally agree that these transfer of control applications would not likely result in competitive harm to wireless consumers. It also appears that this transaction could lead to benefits such as greater deployment of advanced Long Term Evolution (“LTE”) services, the expansion of the MetroPCS brand into new geographical markets, and the development of a more robust, nationwide network. Some commenters such as Communications Workers of America raised significant concerns with regard to whether, post-merger, the new company would pursue non-network synergies and efficiencies that could lead to significant job losses, a reduction in employment standards, and an adverse impact on customer service. In this regard, T-Mobile and MetroPCS made a statement that they have no plans to move call centers offshore or to reduce employment levels at T-Mobile call centers. They also stated that, over the last six months, the company has hired more than 3,600 employees in its 17 domestic call centers, and plans to continue hiring in those call centers, increasing the number of overall U.S. positions, to support its customers. I hope that the new company, in fact, pursues a course that increases employment opportunities.”